

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application. Claims 1-12 and 14-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 22 are independent. Claims 13, 16, 17 and 20-26 have been indicated as allowable. Portions of claim 13 have been incorporated into independent claim 1, thus rendering claim 1 allowable. Claim 13 is hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, since features thereof have been incorporated into claim 1. Independent claims 14, 15 and 18 have also been amended in a manner similar to claim 1. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-12 and 14-26 are in condition for allowance.

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